

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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MARY BLY, MICHAEL CONNELLY, SYLVIA
DAY, JONATHAN FRANZEN, JOHN
GRISHAM, ELIN HILDERBRAND,
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DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON,
GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and
RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI LP, OPENAI LLC,
OPENAI GP LLC, OPENAI OPCO LLC,
OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION
LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI
STARTUP FUND I LP, OPENAI STARTUP
FUND GP I LLC, and OPENAI STARTUP
FUND MANAGEMENT LLC,

Defendants.

JONATHAN ALTER, KAI BIRD, TAYLOR
BRANCH, RICH COHEN, EUGENE LINDEN,
DANIEL OKRENT, JULIAN SANCTON,
HAMPTON SIDES, STACY SCHIFF, JAMES
SHAPIRO, JIA TOLENTINO, and SIMON
WINCHESTER, on behalf of themselves and all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI GP, LLC, OPENAI,
LLC, OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL
LLC, OAI CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI
HOLDINGS, LLC, and MICROSOFT
CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-08292-SHS

Case No.: 1:23-cv-10211-SHS

Case No.: 1:24-cv-00084-SHS

Hon. Sidney H. Stein

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO
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NICHOLAS A. BASBANES and NICHOLAS
NGAGOYEANES (professionally known as
Nicholas Gage), individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,
OPENAI, INC., OPENAI GP, LLC,
OPENAI HOLDINGS, LLC, OAI
CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI
GLOBAL, LLC, OPENAI, LLC, and
OPENAI OPCO LLC,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Rule 1.3(c) of the Local Rules of the United States Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Robert A. Van Nest Jr, hereby moves this Court for an Order for admission to practice *Pro Hac Vice* to appear as counsel for Defendants OpenAI Inc., OpenAI LP, OpenAI LLC, OpenAI GP LLC, OpenAI OpCo LLC, OpenAI Global LLC, OAI Corporation LLC, OpenAI Holdings LLC, OpenAI Startup Fund I LP, OpenAI Startup Fund GP I LLC, and OpenAI Startup Fund Management LLC in the above-captioned action.

I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of California and there are no pending disciplinary proceedings against me in any state or federal court. I have never been convicted of a felony. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court. I have attached an affidavit pursuant to Local Rule 1.3.

Respectfully submitted,

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